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TWO MEN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY, EXTORTION AND TRANSPORTING STOLEN PROPERTY ACROSS STATE LINES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation William Chase, announced that a federal grand jury in U. S. District Court in Concord, New Hampshire returned an indictment yesterday through which Eran Zuker, a citizen of Israel, and Ofir Ethan Reisinger, a citizen of the United States and Israel, were charged with conspiracy to transport stolen property in interstate commerce and extortion. The indictment also contains separate charges against each defendant relating to transportation of stolen property across state lines and extortion.

According to the indictment, the offenses occurred when Zuker, age 22, and Reisinger, age 24, while acting on behalf of Nation Van Lines, a moving company located in Florida, loaded property belonging to a former resident of Nebraska and used threatening, coercive and fraudulent tactics to induce the customer to pay a sum of money directly to them as a condition of delivering the customer's property to her new residence in Alabama. The indictment also alleges that the defendants stole property belonging to residents of New Hampshire from a storage facility in Nebraska and while driving from Nebraska to New Hampshire, telephoned the New Hampshire residents and demanded, as a condition of delivering their property to New Hampshire, that the New Hampshire residents pay the defendants \$4,500 in cash.

The indictment also alleges that Zuker falsely claimed to be an American citizen and that he used a false social security number in violation of federal criminal law.

The maximum prison sentences for the offenses are as follows: conspiracy, 5 years; interstate transportation of stolen property, 10 years; extortion 20 years; false claim of citizenship, 3 years; and false social security number, 5 years. If found guilty, the defendants can be fined up to \$250,000 for each offense.

United States Attorney Colantuono reminds the public that an indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.